

**CITY OF FLORENCE  
RESOLUTION NO. 24, SERIES 2020**

**A Resolution Approving the Creation of an Utility Relief Program and Allocating \$40,000 of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funds to fund the City Utility Relief Program.**

RECITALS:

1. The City of Florence declared an emergency in response to COVID-19, and;
2. The COVID-19 pandemic has led to significant unemployment, and;
3. The City recognizes that unemployed customers may be struggling with every day expenses, including utility bills, and;
4. The City currently works with Siuslaw Outreach Services to provide low-income support for City utility customers.

Based on these findings,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. To create a Utility Relief Program "Program" temporarily in response to the COVID-19 Emergency. The Program would be funded by utilizing CARES dollars.
2. The City of Florence approves the City Utility Relief Program guidelines as shown in Exhibit A, of which, upon verification of eligibility, Florence utility customers may apply with Siuslaw Outreach Services for relief from past-due balances incurred, from March 1 through December 30, 2020, on their City water and sewer accounts. A customer must re-apply each time they have a past-due balance.
3. This Program will remain in effect until December 30, 2020 or until the \$40,000 that the City has allocated for the Program has been spent, whichever comes first.
4. This resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTION:

This Resolution is passed and adopted on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2020.



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Joe Henry, Mayor

Attest:



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Kelli Weese, City Recorder



# City of Florence

## Utility Relief Program Guidelines

Adopted September 21, 2020  
 Resolution No. 24 Series 2020  
 Exhibit A

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Federal government passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

City of Florence residential customers impacted by COVID-19 may qualify to receive CARES Act utility assistance for any unpaid balances for water, sewer, and surface water management charges on the City of Florence utility bill for services received from March 1 to December 30, 2020.

### Cares Act Eligibility

You may be eligible for CARES Act utility assistance if you meet the following criteria:

- **You have been impacted by COVID-19, and**
  - Examples of impact include job loss, reduced work hours, illness, and quarantine, among others
- You have a residential utility account with the City of Florence, **and**
- You participate in government assistance programs **OR** Your household earns at or below 80% area median income for the past 30 days.

### Government Assistance Programs (defined)

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Oregon Health Plan/Medicaid (OHP)
- LIHEAP or OEAP Energy Assistance received since October 1st, 2018
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Federal Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program (USDOE) since October 1st, 2018
- Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF)

### Household Income (defined)

Your household must have earned at or below the following amounts for the past 30 days:

The table above is the Average Median Income for Lane County as of March 2020. For current information please access this [link](#).

Monthly Average Median Income	
<i>HH Size</i>	<i>80 Percent AMI</i>
1	\$3,267
2	\$3,733
3	\$4,200
4	\$4,667
5	\$5,042
6	\$5,417
7	\$5,788
8	\$6,163
9	\$6,536
10	\$6,909